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Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 12 November 2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The applicant argues that there is not sufficient motivation in Parce and Voss that would cause one of ordinary skill in the art to look for other block copolymers such as those of Thurow, and that there is no motivation to use the block copolymers of Thurow in the methods of Parce and Voss. However, to make a *prima facie* case of obviousness, the motivation need not be present in all of the references. Further, one cannot show nonobviousness by attacking references individually where the rejections are based on combinations of references. See *In re Keller*, 642 F.2d 413, 208 USPQ 871 (CCPA 1981); *In re Merck & Co.*, 800 F.2d 1091, 231 USPQ 375 (Fed. Cir. 1986). Thurow provides the motivation of using its block copolymers in order to reap the benefits of their hydrophobic and hydrophilic proportions, which would certainly be useful in Parce and Voss. In addition, this limitation would have been obvious because the substitution of one known element, such as the block copolymers of Parce and Voss, for another, such as the block copolymers of Thurow, would have yielded predictable results to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention. See *KSR International Co. V. Teleflex Inc.* 550 U.S.--, 82 USPQ2d 1385 (2007). Therefore, for at least these reasons, the rejections of the previous office action are maintained.

Conclusion

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